

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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SUBJECT

Online course provider review and approval process. Fee structure for both online courses and textbook approval process.

APPLICABLE STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

Section 33-118 Idaho Code, Idaho Administrative code - IDAPA
08:02.03 subsection 128

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Section 33-1627 (2), Idaho code provides that beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, parents and guardians of secondary students shall have the right to enroll such students in any online course provided the course is offered by a provider accredited by an organization that accredits Idaho high schools, the teacher is certificated by the State of Idaho and is qualified to teach the course, and that the course meets the state content standards. Additionally, code specifies that either the State Department of Education (SDE) or the Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA) must verify that the course meets these qualifications. Further section 33-118, Idaho code specifies that the State Board of Education prescribes that the Board shall approved the minimum courses to be taught in all public elementary and secondary schools, including the fees necessary to defray the cost of such adoption process. Amendments made to section 33-118, Idaho code by House Bill 604, during the 2012 legislative session, further specify that the Board shall, by rule, determine the process by which SDE reviews and approves online courses, pursuant to section 33-1627, Idaho code, and the fees necessary to defray SDE's costs. Idaho Administrative code, IDAPA 08.02.03.128 outlines the process for curricula materials selection.

IMPACT

The approval process for textbooks has been a fee based system. For approval of text books, there will be no additional fiscal impact, merely a codification of existing practice. For online course review, the funds generated will help defray the cost of completing those reviews

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – IDAPA 08.02.03.118

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BOARD ACTION

I move to approve the proposed rule changes to IDAPA 08.02.03.118 as submitted.

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Carried Yes _____ No _____

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128. CURRICULAR MATERIALS SELECTION AND ONLINE COURSE APPROVAL (SECTIONS 33-118; 33-118A, IDAHO CODE). (4-18-12)

The State Board of Education will appoint a committee to select curriculum materials. Committee appointments will be for a period of five (5) years. Committee appointments shall consist of not less than 10 total members from the following stakeholder groups: certified Idaho classroom teachers, Idaho public school administrators, Idaho higher education officials, parents, trustees, local board of education members, members of the Division of Vocational Education, and State Department of Education personnel. ~~The membership of the committee will include one (1) representative from each of the state's institutions of higher education (Boise State University, Idaho State University, Lewis Clark State College, and University of Idaho); two (2) Idaho public school administrators; two (2) Idaho public school elementary classroom teachers; two (2) Idaho public school secondary classroom teachers; one (1) person who is not a public school educator nor a public school trustee, one (1) person (parent, teacher, or administrator) representing Idaho's private/parochial schools, who will not be a public school educator or trustee; one (1) public school trustee; three (3) parents and one (1) curriculum consultant from the Division of Instruction of the State Department of Education and one (1) from the Division of Vocational Education whose appointment will be for one (1) year.~~ The Executive Secretary will be an employee of the State Department of Education and will be a voting member of the committee.

The State Department of Education shall charge publishers submission fees of \$60.00 or equal to the retail price of each textbook, whichever is greater, to defray the costs incurred in the curricular material review and adoption process. (3-20-04) (6-20-12)

01. Subject Areas. Curricular materials are adopted by the State Board of Education for a period of six (6) years in the following subject areas: reading, English, spelling, speech, journalism, languages other than English, art, drama, social studies, music, mathematics, business education, career education and counseling, vocational/ technical education, science, health, handwriting, literature, driver education, limited English proficiency. (4-11-06)

02. Multiple Adoptions are Made in Each Subject Area. (4-5-00)

03. Bids. Each publisher must deliver, according to the committee schedule, a sealed bid on all curricular materials presented for adoption. (4-5-00)

04. Depository. The State Board will appoint a depository for the state-adopted curricular materials. Resource materials are a local option. (4-5-00)

05. Local Policies. School districts will follow their own policies for adoption in subject areas offered by a school district for which materials are not covered by the state curriculum materials committee. (4-5-00)

06. Online Course Review and Approval Process. The State Department of Education shall administer the review and approval of online courses delivered by accredited providers. Reviewers shall be certified Idaho classroom teachers. Approved courses are evaluated on a four year cycle. The State Department of Education shall charge online course providers submission

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fees based on the number of courses offered, not to exceed the actual costs incurred in the online course and approval process. (6-20-12)